



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NUMBER	FLING DATE	FIRST NAMED APPLICANT	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
--------------------	------------	-----------------------	---------------------

EXAMINER

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

9

DATE MAILED:

**Response to Rule 312  
Communication**

The petition filed \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Director,  
Patent Examining Group \_\_\_\_\_

The amendment filed May 5/1999 under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

entered.  
 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).  
 disapproved. See explanation below.  
 entered in part. See explanation below.

*John Kight*  
JOHN KIGHT  
SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER  
GROUP 1200  
16-10